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Senator Taylor Calls for Special Session on COVID-19

(MADISON) – Today, Senator Lena Taylor (D-Milwaukee) called on Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin State Legislature to take action to support Wisconsin businesses and residents affected by the current global health crisis, community spread and financial and situational impact of COVID-19.

In recognition of the wide ranging and unintended consequences of Coronavirus, Senator Taylor released the following statement:

"As a result of the Coronavirus, we must now admit that we are in unchartered territory. The fallout from school and business closures, diminished goods and critical services, and the potential financial impact on Wisconsin families has reached crisis level. The declarations of both state and federal emergencies, requires a thoughtful and deliberate plan of the state legislature.

We have been elected to lead. As constituents look for answers, we need to be positioned to provide them. How we will deal with aggressive testing, community spread, food insecurity, K-12 education, overburdened health systems, and financially vulnerable residents are all concerns we need to address. If we don't, there will be Wisconsinites that will fall through the cracks. We need to do everything within our power to prevent undue harm to state residents, as well as discuss recovery measures as we emerge from this crisis.

Therefore, I am urging Governor Tony Evers to call a special session and for my colleagues in the legislature to respond with a sense of urgency."

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